

ORDINANCE NO. 1959

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMOND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING TITLES 8, 14, AND 15 OF THE RAYMOND MUNICIPAL CODE TO REMOVE SPECIFIC FEE AMOUNTS AND OUTDATED FEE SCHEDULE REFERENCES AND TO INCORPORATE BY REFERENCE THE CITY OF RAYMOND FEE SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Raymond operates and maintains a sanitation collection and disposal system, water production and distribution system, and sanitary sewer collection and treatment system; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the City's rates, fees, and other charges should be administered in a consistent and efficient manner and maintained in a consolidated fee schedule adopted by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends that the City of Raymond Fee Schedule contain the City's applicable building, development, water, sewer, solid waste, nonsufficient-funds, and related fees, except for utility connection charges, general facility charges, system development charges, and other charges that applicable law or this code requires to be established by ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAYMOND, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. PURPOSE AND INTENT.

The purpose of this ordinance is to modernize, consolidate, and streamline the administration of the City's fee structure by removing fixed dollar amounts and obsolete fee schedules from Titles 8, 14, and 15 of the Raymond Municipal Code where appropriate, and by providing that applicable fees are established and maintained in the City of Raymond Fee Schedule adopted by the City Council.

Section 2. ADOPTION OF REFERENCE – CITY OF RAYMOND FEE SCHEDULE.

A new section, RMC 15.76.060, is hereby adopted to read as follows:

15.76.060 – Fees and Charges.

A. Fees, rates, and charges established under Titles 8, 14, and 15 that are authorized to be established by resolution shall be listed in the City of Raymond Fee Schedule, as adopted and amended by resolution of the City Council.

B. The City of Raymond Fee Schedule may be amended from time to time by resolution of the City Council, except that any fee, charge, rate, or assessment that applicable law or this code requires to be established by ordinance shall be established or amended by ordinance.

C. The City of Raymond Fee Schedule shall control with respect to the amount of any fee, rate, or charge that is expressly incorporated by reference into the Raymond Municipal Code, except to the extent an ordinance expressly provides otherwise.

D. Utility connection charges, general facility charges, system development charges, and other charges that are required to be established by ordinance are not established solely by the Fee Schedule and shall remain governed by the applicable ordinance.

Section 3. AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 8, CHAPTER 8.12 – GARBAGE COLLECTION.

All provisions of RMC Title 8, Chapter 8.12 that establish specific dollar amounts, rate tables, or other fee amounts for solid waste or garbage collection services, including nonsufficient-funds charges, residential or commercial service charges, special pickup fees, administrative service fees, late or delinquency charges, and similar charges, are amended to remove those specific amounts and to replace the applicable fee provision with the following standard reference, as appropriate:

“Fees shall be as established by resolution in the City of Raymond Fee Schedule.”

This amendment applies only to fees and charges within Title 8, Chapter 8.12. Water and sewer rates and charges are addressed under Title 14 and are not amended by this section.

Section 4. AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 14 – WATER AND SEWERS.

All fee-related provisions of RMC Title 14, Divisions 1 and 2, including provisions establishing water rates, sewer rates, service charges, delinquency or penalty charges, nonsufficient-funds charges, meter fees, turn-on or turn-off charges, shutoff or removal charges, bulk water charges, administrative fees, and similar charges, are amended to remove fixed dollar amounts and obsolete fee tables and to replace the applicable fee provision with the following standard reference:

“Fees shall be as established by resolution in the City of Raymond Fee Schedule.”

This amendment does not repeal or replace any utility connection charge, general facility charge, system development charge, or other charge that is required by applicable law or this code to be established by ordinance.

Section 5. AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 15 – UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE.

All fee-related provisions of RMC Title 15 that establish specific dollar amounts or fee tables for building permits, development review, land-use review, short plat review, variances, conditional use permits, appeals, plan review, inspections, administrative review, or similar development-related services are amended to remove those fixed dollar amounts and obsolete fee tables and, where appropriate, to replace them with the following standard reference:

“Fees shall be as established by resolution in the City of Raymond Fee Schedule.”

Existing provisions that already properly incorporate fees by reference to a City-adopted resolution or fee schedule shall remain in effect and need not be substantively amended solely by this ordinance.

This amendment does not repeal or replace any fee, charge, or assessment that is required by applicable law or this code to be established by ordinance.

Section 6. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS.

Any provisions of Titles 8, 14, and 15 that contain fee figures, rate tables, or other fee provisions that conflict with the amendments made by this ordinance are hereby repealed or superseded to the extent of the conflict.

Section 7. SEVERABILITY.

If any portion of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

Section 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after passage and publication as required by law.

INTRODUCED this _____ day of _____, 2026 AND PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2026 by the following vote:

Ayes – _____ Noes – _____ Absent – _____

Dee Roberts, Mayor

AUTHENTICATED BY:

Kayla MacIntosh, Clerk/Treasurer

Publish: _____